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Passenger Train Wrecked

The wreck at the Wabash at this city last week might have been a much more serious affair, but as it was, the engineer was pretty badly hurt, a woman was considerably shaken up and a man passenger was jolted about until he felt considerably damaged; several tank cars here for water for Moberly smashed, the mail car, baggage car and forward passenger coach damaged, the coach going into the wooden baggage car and forward passenger coach damaged, the coach going into the wooden baggage about 8 feet, telescope fashion. The mail car and coach are steel cars.

The best we can get the story of the mishap is as follows: No. 5, somewhat behind time, here at 5.20 a. m. was running rather lively. The water train consisting of about 20 water tank cars, locomotive and caboose, was on the track for west bound trains loading the tanks from the company tank on the north side of tracks. Whether there was a flagman out west of this train or not there was none down the track east. The conductor of the water train had assumed to flag from that direction, but instead, was in the station asleep, as was also the third track operator. No. 5 came on, the engineer saw the red switch light above the station, used by operators to flag trains. Slowed up and watched to see if the red light would be turned to the white light side and watched too long, for when he turned his eyes ahead, was practically on the tank cars just west of the station. The front end of the locomotive was smashed and the cars above mentioned.

Undoubtedly the blame rests on the flagman, night operator and engineer. The first should have been at his post down the track, the operator should have been earning the money the government was paying him instead of sleeping and the engineer should not have run past a red light signal, tho in many cases they do and before they can stop, the operator wakes up and does business, but in some cases the train backs up and rouses the sleeping knight of the key who gets much more enjoyment out of stolen naps on his employers time than snoozing on his own.

21 were killed Monday and numbers badly hurt in a rear end collision near Batavia N. Y. a fast passenger train running into the rear of another which had stopped to make a needed repair and was minus the protection of a flagman. Double tracks are not infallible escapes in death and destruction.

Republicans control the House at Jefferson City, of course. They will treat the Democratic minority as the Democratic majority treated the Republican minority two years ago by allowing democrats as few clerks as decency will permit. But, the Republican party has made a fine start in its selections for itself naming Peter A. Sanning House Postmaster. Sanning was convicted of violation of the selective draft law Oct. 25 and sentenced to 10 days in jail. The fewer clerks the better, but no one supposed the G. O. P. was short of material that a conv would be hit on while hunting the pie counter crowd. Wm. Elmer of Dent County, fined \$1000 for violation of the espionage act, is planning to contest the seat of the Democratic member. Yes, Elmer is a Republican.

Mud, Slop, slick. Get toes and calks or flop.

Booze Gone to Demnition Bow Wows

Nation Voted Dry Yesterday

Only a Hundred Millions Gallons Bourbon and Rye in Bonded Warehouses, as Much More in Cellars and Hiding Places.

Missouri Legislature Last to Commit the Fatal Act on Johnny Barleycorn. After July 1, 1919 a Little Will Have to Go a Long Ways.

Yesterday the legislatures of a sufficient number of states voted for the national dry amendment to make the necessary three fourths required to authorize congress to proceed with the matter and render the country theoretically Bone Dry after July 1. Only one more U. S. Senator has to be gained by the dries to have congress in line and by a strange co-incidence, that senator is named Moses.

But in the 265 days which must elapse before the calamity is a fact fixed for six years, what balm may not be found in Gilead.

Macon Marshal Is Shot

Charles Oxley, night marshal, was shot and seriously wounded in McDowell's cafe last Friday night by a stranger who objected to paying 15 cents for some eggs he said were not prepared as ordered. The marshal had arrested the man for refusing to pay his bill, when the man wheeled and fired at the officer, the bullet striking him in the right shoulder. Then the man fired three other shots, apparently at employees of the restaurant, and walked out, accompanied by a woman who had been eating with him. He was not again apprehended.

Miss Helen Glasse went to Columbia Monday to be absent about two weeks attending the agricultural extension work meeting and Farmers Convention.

Miss Glasse has made good with her work in this county but might have done better had she been left to manage the affair herself instead of being pestered with itinerant emissaries who could look and act wise but know considerably less about it. The legislature would save money and prevent unpopularizing agricultural extension work if it withheld any appropriation whatever for the per diem and expenses of the juvenile male and superannuated female supernumeraries sent out over the state to interfere with the good work of the regulars.

Methodist Church

"America and the League of Nations" will be the subject on which Rev. M. C. Davis will speak next Sunday morning. Other services as usual.

Berry Owens went to Moberly on a business trip last Friday.

Col. John Randolph was in town Tuesday, his first trip to the county capitol in some time. He is in fine shape, immune to flu and fat widows and bewailing the fact that several nice crappies he caught and calculated to feast on are under the ice at his ranch on the Cutoff.

CENSORED INFORMATION

U. S. and Great Britain Outvoted Round Robin To Wilson Conference Secret

As Senator Reed said in regard to an allied Court or League of Nations, the others will outnumber the United States and menace everyone of our sacred institutions of government. Japan, Italy and France voted three to two against the U. S. and Britain on the question of publicity. No information concerning the doings of the Peace Convention at Versailles will reach the public except such as granted publicity by envoys of France, Italy and Japan. But will it stick? If what is done is repugnant to Democratic principles and what we sacrificed man, money and friends for will it avail the Europeans and Japan to secretly act and demand acquiescence?

Rev. and Mrs. Leslie H. Davis of Frederick town, Mo., are visiting their son, Rev. Milton C. Davis. Mr. Davis is a retired member of the St. Louis Conference and spent nearly fifty years in the ministry.

The quartette who slugged and robbed farmer B. V. Taylor at Triplett last week and who are in jail, told sheriff Hurt a crooked tale about the affair, and getting it from the sheriff we had it different from the facts as disclosed by Woods in a written statement. They tried to get the old mans money in a drive run by one of them and failing to bunko him out of it, they waylaid him in a passage between buildings and floored him, went thru his pockets and rolled him out. It is understood that a committee was about ready to wait on the proprietors of the den when the robbery took place and when it was learned of, numbers were in for wiping the joint and jointers off the map, but cooler counsel prevailed and the law was allowed to take its course.

Prominent Farmer Insane

Lon Eddins, for some time farming near Dalton, was brot before probate judge, J. E. Montgomery yesterday on a complaint that he was dangerously disordered mentally and proper restraint asked of the court, his violence becoming more than threatening.

Judge Montgomery adjudged the man who, in his right mind was a fine and industrious fellow, insane and ordered him conveyed to the asylum at St. Joe, Mo.

Sheriff Hurt with Lee Eddins, brother to the unfortunate man left yesterday for St. Joe with the unfortunate.

Parole Revoked

Lon Harvey, a husky young citizen who forged the name of some party to a check some time ago and for the offense was sentenced to the pen for five years, was paroled to Supt. John Rogers of the infirmary. John worked every scheme to manage the negro successfully, but Lon was averse to any kind of employment not gastronomic or sporting or both, which means that darned if he would work a lick. Supt. Rogers got enough of this and turned Mr. Koon over to the sheriff yesterday and judge Lamb revoked the parole and ordered the dusky devil to the state bastille to do his time.

Lieut. Samuel M. Davis just discharged from army service at Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland, is visiting his brother Rev. M. C. Davis.

Walter Owen has been receiving coal and corn right along the past week. His corn is attracting much attention and finding ready buyers.

Dr. J. T. Dewey is in bad condition. He has never recovered from the operation some time ago and is bedfast, tho much improved over his condition last Sunday. His many friends all over the county will be much concerned about him until assured that he has certainly passed the danger line.

"Bone Dry" Means None

The Supreme Court of the U. S. Monday decided that the "Bone Dry" law meant what its clear definition could only be. States adopting prohibition cannot permit shipments of anything alcoholic into their boundaries and if the prohibition amendment to the U. S. Constitution is ratified by a sufficient number of States, then no individual can bring into the state nor have brot in, any liquid containing alcohol, nor can he make anything liquid containing alcohol, for beverage purposes, but he or anyone can make all the bourbon or rye whiskey, brandy, cordial, wine, beer, ale, cider soft or hard he desires for medicinal, mechanical, scientific, art, religious and solvent purposes.

News Print Outlook Bad

It is confidently predicted that many country papers will be forced to suspend because inability to get news paper at any price. The supply is very short.

It will not remedy the shortage to raise prices but that prices will have to be raised and combinations made to meet the increased cost and to allow the supply to go round, is the opinion of leading newspaper men. It is asserted that there is barely a six weeks supply in the country now. What print paper will cost the country publisher cannot now be guessed.

Draft Correspondence

Any papers or documents or correspondence pertaining to draft matters should be sent to The Adjutant General, Jefferson City, Mo., instead of to the Local Board of this county. Do all your war business with Adjutant Gen'l hereafter.

Stock Market.

K. City Wednesday. Top steers \$18.40, steady. Canners 25 to 50 lower. Top hogs 17.65 and lambs 16.65, 25cts higher.

The fifth Liberty Loan is being arranged for. Six billions.

Salisbury

J. B. Armstrong of Mexico, Mo., was here visiting Sunday.

Mrs. Alle Gallemore and daughter went to Fayette Wednesday for a short visit.

Basil Simmons is home with his family, having received his discharge from the navy.

Miss Juanita Hackley is convalescent and will soon be out again. She is on the P. S. force.

Eld F. L. Moody filled his regular appointment at Bynumville Sunday and will preach here next Sunday.

Word has been received here of the death of Mrs. Heartz (nee Bethena Brummell) at her home in Denver, Colo., Friday morning after a brief illness.

We regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Ham Burton who died of flu and complications. She leaves a husband and one child to whom we offer condolence.

Word comes from Fayette of the death of Dred Hayes, formerly of this place, father of Everett and Jay Hayes once in the lumber business here. We did not get full details.

R. T. Terrett and family will move to Long Beach, Cala., in a short time to make their home. We regret to see them go but commend them to the good people there.

Mrs. Rebecca Warhurst, one of the pioneers south of town, passed away at the home of her son-in-law Guilbert Cloyd Sunday night. This good old lady died full of years and honors after a well spent busy life and has gone to her reward. We extend condolence to the family.

The reception at the school building last Friday night was a success and all present enjoyed themselves highly.

Henry White of Rock Island, Ill., returned to his home Wednesday after looking up his farm conditions north east of town and visiting relatives for a few days.

Kirk Minich was here last Friday to buy horses and mules but he was decidedly under the weather with an approaching case of flu. Saturday morning he intended going to Brunswick where he had a date but he was so sick he kept to his bed until time for a train home. He was much disappointed and pretty sick.

Edgar Wilks has his cafe running in full blast and can serve almost anything you want morning, noon or night. He has the famous cook, Silas Ewing, colored, in charge of the culinary department, and he has as good one at the cookers as he could find in a months rummaging among the culinary artists of the country.

Tom Cox and Holland Bayne are trying their luck at raising winter vegetables in Texas. They went to San Benito several days ago to feast on jowl and greens, radishes and tomatoes and lettuce and otherwise have it on their old neighbors and friends up this way. Jim Washam says Tom will be considerably swelled up when he gets back.

The entire force of the Courier was on the sick list the first of the week. No one on deck but the editor and he was small potatoes and few in a hill by his lonesome self. If The Great Favorite Weekly is not up to standard nor out on time this week, it should be cheerfully excused on both accounts. Darn the flu and all that resembles it, any way, paper or no paper.